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1. AS OF 0425 HOURS AND THROUGH 0600 HOURS LOCAL ON 3 NOVEMBER 1975 ELEMENTS OF THE BANGLADESH ARMY'S Dacca BRIGADE WERE MAKING AN ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THE ATTEMPT IS UNDER CONTROL. BANGLADESH PRESIDENT MOSHTAQUE IS SAFE. ARMY ELEMENTS LOYAL TO THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE TROOPS AND TANKS OF THE FIRST BENGAL LANCERS, ARE IN CONTROL OF KEY POINTS IN Dacca CITY SUCH AS THE RADIO STATION.

2. GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE ARRESTED THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, MAJOR GENERAL Z I A U R RAHMAN, WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE ATTEMPTED COUP. ARMY ELEMENTS IN REVOLT HAVE ESTABLISHED AT LEAST ONE ROADBLOCK AT A KEY RAILWAY CROSSING IN THE GULSHAN SUBURB OF Dacca NEAR THE ARMY CANTONMENT.

3. AS OF 0610 HOURS LOCAL THE AREA NEAR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IS PEACEFUL WITH NO SIGN OF TROOPS.  
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